

Table 1. Total number of SSI recipients, number and percentage distribution of adults and children, 1974-96¹

		Aged Adults		Blind and Disabled ²			
				Adults		Children	
Month/ Year	Total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
December:							
1974	3,996,064	2,285,909	57.2	1,639,255	41.0	70,900	1.8
1975	4,314,275	2,307,105	53.5	1,878,995	43.6	128,175	3.0
1976	4,235,939	2,147,697	50.7	1,935,114	45.7	153,128	3.6
1977	4,237,692	2,050,921	48.4	2,011,557	47.5	175,214	4.1
1978	4,216,925	1,967,900	46.7	2,051,526	48.6	197,499	4.7
1979	4,149,575	1,871,716	45.1	2,065,771	49.8	212,088	5.1
1980	4,142,017	1,807,776	43.6	2,105,677	50.8	228,564	5.5
1981	4,018,875	1,678,090	41.8	2,110,691	52.5	230,094	5.7
1982	3,857,590	1,548,741	40.1	2,079,698	53.9	229,151	5.9
1983	3,901,497	1,515,400	38.8	2,149,717	55.1	236,380	6.1
1984	4,029,333	1,530,287	38.0	2,250,413	55.9	248,633	6.2
1985	4,138,021	1,504,469	36.4	2,368,227	57.2	265,325	6.4
1986	4,269,164	1,473,428	34.5	2,515,619	58.9	280,117	6.6
1987	4,384,999	1,455,387	33.2	2,640,887	60.2	288,725	6.6
1988	4,463,869	1,433,420	32.1	2,740,193	61.4	290,256	6.5
1989	4,593,059	1,439,043	31.3	2,857,718	62.2	296,298	6.5
1990	4,817,127	1,454,041	30.2	3,022,856	62.8	340,230	7.1
1991	5,118,470	1,464,684	28.6	3,214,933	62.8	438,853	8.6
1992	5,566,189	1,471,022	26.4	3,471,322	62.4	623,845	11.2
1993	5,984,330	1,474,852	24.6	3,738,977	62.5	770,501	12.9
1994	6,295,786	1,465,905	23.3	3,937,338	62.5	892,543	14.2
1995	6,514,134	1,446,122	22.2	4,093,823	62.8	974,189	15.0
1996:							
June	6,607,325	1,432,273	21.7	4,162,451	63.0	1,012,601	15.3
December	6,613,718	1,412,632	21.4	4,183,094	63.2	1,017,992	15.4

¹ Persons who received a Federal or State payment.

² In June 1993, approximately 35,000 cases previously classified as children were reclassified as adults. For 1991 and 1992 some persons whom SSA now treats as adults are shown here as children. This means that the count of adults is low and the count of children is high.